

REMARKS**Status of the Claims**

Claims 15-18 are pending in this application. Claims 19-23 have been canceled. No claims have been added. Claims 15-18 have been indicated as allowable in paragraph 10 of the Office Action. Claim 15 has been amended so that it is consistent with claims dependent thereon. No new issue is raised by the amendment of claim 15.

Rejections under 35 USC 112, first paragraph

The Examiner rejects claims 19-23 as not enabled. The Examiner also rejects claims 19-23 as containing subject matter that is not properly described in the original specification. Applicants traverse these rejections by canceling the rejected claims. As such, the rejection should be withdrawn as moot.

Provisional Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Rejection

The Examiner maintains the rejection of claims 15-23 under the judicially created obviousness-type double patenting rejection over claims 18-20 of Application Serial No. 10/380,653. Pursuant to MPEP § 804(I)(B), which states that if the provisional rejection is the only rejection remaining in the application, the Examiner should then withdraw that rejection and permit the application to issue as a patent, Applicants elect to handle the obviousness-type double patenting rejection

in the prosecution of the '653 application. As such, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn so that the claims may issue.

Conclusion

As Applicants have canceled the rejected claims and the only claims remaining have been indicated as allowable, Applicants respectfully request that the claims be allowed to issue.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Kecia Reynolds (Reg. No. 47,021) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.


If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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